

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appln. No.: 09/960,345 Group Art Unit: 1771
Confirmation No.: 4619 Examiner: Norca Liz Torres Velazquez
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For: RUBBER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND RUBBER ARTICLE USING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

The present claims relate to a tire.

Status of the claims

Claims 6-9 are pending, and all claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over JP 10-053010 in view of Yoshikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,872,932) for reasons of record.